

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 742

By Johnson

A RESOLUTION to honor the memory of William Robert "Bob" Battle.

WHEREAS, the members of this General Assembly were greatly saddened to learn of the passing of William Robert "Bob" Battle; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Battle was an exemplary public servant and consummate professional who worked assiduously to improve the quality of life for his fellow citizens in numerous capacities; and

WHEREAS, born on Christmas Day 1927, Bob Battle was the author of the "Livin' Country" column for *Williamson A.M.*, in which position he earned the respect of his peers and superiors alike for the exemplary quality of his writing; and

WHEREAS, a seasoned local journalist, Mr. Battle began his career as a reporter for the *Nashville Banner* in 1943 and retired as Vice President and senior business editor when the Banner ceased operations in 1998; and

WHEREAS, throughout his remarkable tenure, which included interviewing Elvis Presley and appearing in a Rock Hudson movie, Mr. Battle cultivated a reputation for the utmost professionalism, as well as compassion and encouragement; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Battle was an active and devout member of the Brentwood United Methodist Church and a Scottish Rite Mason, serving potentate of Al Menah Shrine Temple in 1976; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Battle was also deeply devoted to his family, and he always endeavored to remain true to family values of the highest order; and

WHEREAS, Bob Battle enjoyed the loving companionship of his wife, Elizabeth Ogilvie Battle, and is further survived by his children, Valerie Kienzle and William Robert Battle III, and several grandchildren; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Battle leaves behind an indelible legacy of integrity and probity in public life, compassion and loyalty in private life, and diligence and dedication in all his chosen endeavors; and

WHEREAS, it is fitting that this General Assembly should pause to remember the bountiful life of this exceptional journalist, public servant and human being; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED SIXTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we honor the memory of William Robert "Bob" Battle, reflecting fondly upon his impeccable character and his stalwart commitment to living the examined life with courage and conviction.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that we express our sympathy and offer our condolences to the family of Mr. Battle.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.